



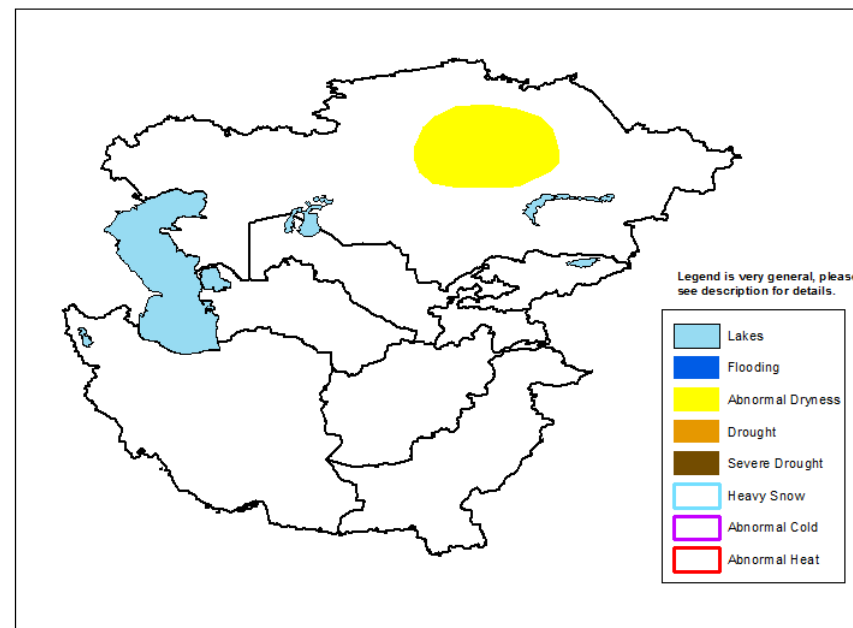
## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook May 22 - 28, 2014

### **Temperatures:**

Temperatures averaged above-normal across Central Asia from May 11 – 17 with the largest positive temperatures anomalies (8 or more degrees C) observed across western Kazakhstan. Maximum temperatures warmed into the low to mid 30s (degrees C) across the western half of Kazakhstan along with Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Temperatures are forecast to remain above-normal during the next week for most of Central Asia. Since positive temperature anomalies are expected to be smaller this week, an abnormal heat hazard is not posted.

### **Precipitation**

Abnormal dryness is posted for parts of north-central Kazakhstan where the Vegetative Health Index indicates below-average vegetation levels for this time of year. The GFS model indicates that this region has the potential to receive light to moderate rainfall during the next week. This rainfall would alleviate the ongoing abnormal dryness. Elsewhere, locally heavy showers are predicted for northeast Afghanistan and Tajikistan. However, widespread flooding is not expected at this time.



**Note:** The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.